

## EFFECT OF RADIUM ON CANCER SOUGHT

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## DOUBT CAST ON VALUE

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Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.  
PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 25.—A committee is likely to be appointed from the American College of Surgeons to investigate and collect data on the effect of radium in the treatment of cancer.

That was indicated today by several surgeons attending the eleventh annual session of the American College of Surgeons, intense discussion of the statement of Dr. John B. Deaver, president of the college, that little could be looked for in radium in the treatment of cancer took place today.

Dr. Deaver addressed the formal opening of the sessions of the college on Monday night. At that time he expressed the fear that radium was productive of little result in the cure of cancer.

To-day surgeons attending the sessions of the college for the most part sided with Dr. Deaver in his contention that the value of radium with cancer has yet to be proved. Several recommendations that the efficacy of radium be thoroughly investigated were made by noted surgeons.

Dr. Harold Stiles, K. B. E., Regius professor of clinical surgery in the University of Edinburgh, said he would include such a recommendation in his fellowship address before the college on Friday night.

"The matter is of much importance," Dr. Stiles declared, "that a report should be made to the college within a year showing the relative value of the use of radium."

Dr. J. Schoemaker of The Hague was emphatic in his belief that Röntgen rays were greater factors for the treatment of cancer than does radium.

"There are two large radium institutes in Holland, one at Amsterdam and one at Rotterdam," Dr. Schoemaker declared. "A smaller one is located in The Hague. Our experience has been that radium is generally unsatisfactory. So much so that attention is now being directed to greater experimentation with the X-rays."

Dr. William J. Mayo of Rochester, Minn., was asked for his opinion of the value of radium.

"I don't know," Dr. Mayo said, "perhaps only a clairvoyant can really tell whether the future holds any possibility of greater use of radium in cancer treatment."

Prof. J. De Quervain of Bern believed the "curative" value of radium was not yet proven. He said it could be corrected if greater quantities were applied in a treatment.

"Instead of such minute particles as are at present used I use three or four times as much," he said, "and once the growth of the cancer is hindered, but in the use of radium the treatment should not be directly against the skin, but at a distance of two or three centimeters, so that the emanations might play on the tissues with greater effect. More burning cannot be said to accomplish much."

In Sweden there has been but little opportunity for extended experimentation with radium, Prof. H. C. Jacobaeus said.

"I might say, however, that our results with it in the treatment of cancer have been for the most part altogether indifferent. It has been of value in some instances and again it has been of no value. It certainly has not been wholly satisfactory."

Managers After Canvass Promise Adequate Service if Strike Occurs.

Railroads serving the metropolitan district will be able to keep running an adequate number of both freight and passenger trains in the event of a railroad strike, according to an announcement yesterday after a meeting of twenty-five members of the General Managers Association at 75 Church street.

E. M. Rine, vice-president and general manager of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, who presided, said that the management canvassed more than 50 per cent of their employees and found that a substantial percentage had signed their intention of remaining at work even though a strike is called.

The managers reported that thousands of applications had been received from men able to run trains. Men in those districts affected by the "outlaw" strike last year are showing a greater disposition to remain at work than in their districts. The association will meet again Friday morning.

Two hundred representatives of various industries, State departments and transportation lines met yesterday at the office of E. H. Euterbier, chairman of the Port of New York Authority, at Broadway, and formed an organization to handle the movement of goods and other necessities if a "railroad strike" occurs.

Edwin J. O'Malley, Commissioner of Markets, announced that he had concluded negotiations for the transfer, beginning tomorrow, of 365,000 tons of coke to this city, where it will be available in households at a cost not exceeding \$10 a ton.

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CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—How to cure colic, diabetes and nervous headaches by dietotherapy were among the revelations made at the convention of the American Dietetic Association.

Dietotherapy is a new one. It takes its place along with hydrotherapy, electrotherapy, psychotherapy and other special branches of medical science which in the days of our forefathers were included under the general head of castor oil and common sense.

I. Dietotherapy is the science of curing by feeding. It is next thing to the fat girl's consolation, eat and grow thin; it means, in brief, eat and grow well.

Cooked bran—a sort of superbran for the elite among the "health food" fans; malt honey and malt sugars; pills made of milk; vegetable meat; these are a few of the dietotherapeutic foods offered. Few, it seems, realize the value of a well balanced meal, but often because the housewife has an instinct for

correct proportions rather than a scientific knowledge of what they should be.

Mrs. Laura Pegram, medical dietitian of Battle Creek, believes people eat too much meat and white flour, and not enough fruits. She believes in food as a preventive medicine, that is, if a person eats properly, he can correct any developing malady, provided he begins early enough.

Miss Helen Monach, head of the nutrition and food department at Cornell, says the young American mother is paying more attention to correct foods than half a dozen past generations put together.

"It is most satisfying to see the interest the modern club woman takes in dietetics," she said. "She wants to learn how to run her kitchen, how to feed each person and why. Last year I spoke before many parent teacher groups and it was surprising to find how many had been reading text books on the feeding of a growing child. One of the most interesting facts I noted was that nibbling between meals is being entirely abolished."

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